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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Communication in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Also attached: Three complete copies of the Declaration (4 pages each) as signed by all inventors.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502624, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attention: PCT Legal Office

Dear Sir:

This Communication is responsive to the Decision dated April 27, 2006, by which the
Notification of Abandonment dated January 30, 2006, is vacated.

Pursuant to the Examiner's determination that the Declaration filed on January 17, 2006,
was not accepted because it was filed in counterpart signature pages, attached hereto are
complete copies of the three individually signed Declarations as executed by each of the
inventors herein.

It is respectfully requested that the Declarations provided herewith be accepted and
accorded the filing date of January 17, 2006.

The Examiner is invited the contact the undersigned if there are any questions.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 502624 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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